

TENNESSEE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY  
MINUTES

**DATE:** January 12-13, 2005

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m., CST

**LOCATION:** Tennessee Room  
Ground Floor, Cordell Hull Building  
Nashville, TN

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Debra Davenport, M.A., Sr. P.E., Chair  
Denise Davis, Ph.D., Vice Chair  
Carl Gilleylen, Psy.D.  
Robert Kores, Ph.D.  
Janice Martin, Ph.D.  
William Vaughan, Ph.D., Sr. P.E.  
Donald Brookshire, Psy.D.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**ABSENT:** Michael Stagg, Esq.  
Carolyn West-Willette, Ed.D.

**STAFF**

**PRESENT:** Melody Spitznas, Board Administrator  
Nicole Armstrong, Advisory Attorney  
Rick Agee, Unit Director  
Jerry Kosten, Rules Coordinator  
Robbie Bell, Director  
James Hill, Board Administrator  
Barbara Maxwell, Administrative Director

Ms. Davenport, chair, called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. A sufficient number of board members were present to constitute a quorum.

Ms. Davenport introduced and welcomed Dr. Donald Brookshire to the board.

**Conflict of Interest**

Ms. Armstrong reviewed the conflict of interest policy with the board asking the board members to disclose any conflict of interest they may have prior to contested cases or any other legal proceedings or matters to determine if there is a conflict of interest.

### **Letter of Reprimand for L. Scott Fairchild, Ph.D.**

Ms. Doty presented a letter of reprimand to the board for L. Scott Fairchild, Ph.D. for violation of T.C.A. §63-11-215(b)(1), which prohibits unprofessional, dishonorable or unethical conduct, T.C.A. §63-11-215(b)(3), which prohibits making false statements or representations, or being guilty of fraud or deceit in the course of professional practice, T.C.A. §63-11-215(b)(16), which prohibits practicing a level of psychology inappropriate, or beyond the scope of the particular license held by the licensee; and Rule 1180-1-.09(1)(o), O.C.R.R.S.T., which prohibits misuse of influence and failing to guard against personal and social factors that might lead to misuse of influence.

Upon review of the letter of reprimand Dr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen, to accept the letter of reprimand as written. The motion carried.

### **Review board meeting minutes**

Upon review of the November 1, 2004 board meeting minutes Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Davis, to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion carried.

### **Report from Jerry Kosten**

Mr. Kosten stated a rulemaking hearing was conducted December 10, 2004 to amend Rule 1180-1-.01, temporary licensure, Rule 1180-1-.03, fees, Rule 1180-1-.04, renewal of license or certification, Rule 1180-1-.07, retirement and reactivation of license or certificate, Rule 1180-1-.08, continuing education, Rule 1180-2-.03, procedures for licensure, Rule 1180-2-.04, examinations, 1180-2-.05, temporary license, Rule 1180-2-.06, provisional license, Rule 1180-2-.07, free health clinic and volunteer practice requirements, Rule 1180-3-.03, procedures for licensure, Rule 1180-3-.04, examinations, Rule 1180-3-.05, temporary license and Rule 1180-4-.03, procedures for certification. Mr. Kosten said the amendments pertain to the deletion of the oral examination and replacing it with a jurisprudence examination and new language for those who practice psychology as a volunteer without paying the renewal fees or privilege tax. Mr. Kosten said although the volunteer practitioner is not required to maintain full licensure the continuing education requirements will continue to apply.

Mr. Kosten asked the board to review the one written response resulting from the hearing to determine if any changes should be made to the rules. The board agreed to reference T.C.A. §333-10-101, duty to protect, T.C.A. §33-6-104, standards for commitment to involuntary care and treatment, T.C.A. §63-2-101 – 103, release of medical records of minors, T.C.A. §37-1-403, report of child sexual abuse in the oral examination portion of the rules.

Upon conclusion, Dr. Vaughan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Davis, to adopt the rules as amended. A roll call vote was conducted and all board members voted in the affirmative.

### **Approve Jurisprudence exam questions**

Dr. Davis said she and Dr. Kores developed a few questions and suggested a task force meeting to formulate additional questions and answers for the examination.

Dr. Kores, Mr. Kosten, Dr. Davis, Dr. Vaughan and Dr. Brookshire agreed to be part of the task force; however, a date and time for the meeting was not scheduled.

### **Consider authorizing a rulemaking hearing regarding mandatory criminal background checks for all new applicants**

Mr. Kosten discussed the proposed mandatory criminal background checks for all new applicants, stating the issue resulted from the audit conducted by the Office of the Comptroller Of the Treasury. Mr. Kosten said the background check will be a nationwide FBI and TBI search at a cost of \$56 to the applicant.

Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to conduct a rulemaking hearing to require mandatory criminal background checks for all new applicants. The motion carried.

### **Office of General Counsel (OGC) Report**

Ms. Armstrong reviewed Rule 1180-1-.04, 1180-2, -3, -4-.03, regarding temporary authorization to practice and the requirement of a copy of an applicant's birth certificate which went into effect January 1, 2005.

Ms. Armstrong said Rule 1180-1-.06, .08, regarding recordkeeping requirements and continuing education, is currently under review by the Attorney General.

Ms. Armstrong stated twenty-four (24) cases involving nineteen (19) complaints against Psychologists and five (5) complaints against Psychological Examiners are under review by the Office of General Counsel.

### **Administrative Report**

The board reviewed the administrative report which indicates there are 1225 licensed Psychologists and 657 licensed Psychological Examiners and Senior Psychological Examiners.

Ms. Spitznas asked the board members to submit travel requests, including registration forms and brochures, 120 days prior to the travel date.

Ms. Spitznas stated she is completing the continuing education audit for psychology and will have the results for the board's review at the next meeting.

### **Discipline Report**

The board reviewed the discipline report which indicates there are six (6) Psychologists and three (3) Psychological Examiners being disciplined.

The board also reviewed the list of Psychologists and Psychological Examiners who have been disciplined since 1986.

### **Presentation to Dr. Elsbeth Freeman**

Ms. Davenport presented Dr. Freeman with a plaque and thanked her, on behalf of the board, for her years of dedicated service as past president, board member and colleague. Dr. Freeman was appointed to the board September 18, 1998. During her term, Dr. Freeman served as board member, vice chair and chair.

### **Investigative Report**

The board reviewed the investigative report noting there are twenty-two (22) complaints in investigations, fifteen (15) of which were carried over from 2003. Of the twenty-two (22) complaints, one (1) was sex related, three (3) unprofessional conduct, three (3) unlicensed practice, one (1) medical records request and fourteen (14) classified as other.

### **Ratify newly licensed Psychologists and Psychological Examiners**

Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen, to ratify the following newly licensed Psychologists:

**Heidi Melissa Levitt, Ph.D.**  
**David Jamison McDowell, Ph.D.**  
**Janis L. Neece, Ph.D.**  
**Larry Fletcher Palmer, Ph.D.**  
**Laura G. Porter, Ph.D.**  
**Joshua D. Booher, Ph.D.**

The motion carried.

Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen, to ratify the following newly licensed Psychological Examiners:

**Sharlet Ann Anderson**  
**Diana Lynn Murphy Baumgardner**  
**Christine M. Browning**  
**Martina E. O'Brien**  
**Lisa Lillard Oglesby**  
**Brian Matthew Wind**

The motion carried.

### **Ratify written examination results**

Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen, to ratify the following EPPP examination results:

#### **Psychologists**

<b>Allison Bender, Ph.D./HSP</b>	<b>Pass</b>
<b>Tarah Kuhn, Ph.D./HSP</b>	<b>Pass</b>
<b>Paul Colte, Psy.D./HSP</b>	<b>Fail</b>
<b>Jeanine C. Miller, Ph.D./HSP</b>	<b>Fail</b>
<b>Linda Robinson, Ph.D./HSP</b>	<b>Pass</b>
<b>Deidre Vaughan-Sharp, Ph.D./HSP</b>	<b>Pass</b>

#### **Psychological Examiners**

<b>Kristal Hurst</b>	<b>Fail</b>
<b>Darcy Wallus</b>	<b>Pass</b>
<b>Jennifer Seay</b>	<b>Fail</b>
<b>Mary McSwiney</b>	<b>Fail</b>

The motion carried.

### **Ratify oral examination results**

Dr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen, to ratify the passing score of the oral examinations and issue licenses to the following candidates who have completed the postdoctoral supervised experience.

#### **Psychologists**

**Laura Porter, Ph.D./HSP**  
**Heidi M. Levitt, Ph.D./HSP**  
**David J. McDowell, Ph.D./HSP**  
**Janis G. Neece, Ph.D./HSP**  
**Douglas E. Emerson, Psy.D.**

#### **Psychological Examiner**

**Sharlet Anderson**  
**Martina O'Brien**  
**Lisa Oglesby**  
**Diana Baumgardner**  
**Christine Browning**  
**Brian Wind**  
**Wayne Faust**

The motion carried.

Dr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen, to ratify the passing score of the oral examinations for the following candidates who are completing their postdoctoral supervised experience:

**Lisa Pellegrin, Ph.D./HSP**

The motion carried.

Dr. Gilleylen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to uphold the failing score of the oral examination as recommended by the oral examination committee for the following applicant:

Psychological Examiner

**Deborah Colton**

The motion carried.

**Ratify abandoned/closed applications**

Dr. Gilleylen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to close the application of **Aaron Kelley**, Psychological Examiner application, per Mr. Kelley's request. The motion carried.

**Application Review**

Dr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen, to schedule **Steven Fultz, Ph.D./HSP** for the written examination and issue Dr. Fultz a provisional license to obtain the postdoctoral supervised experience. The motion carried.

Dr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen, to delay the application of **Shereen Haj-Hassan, P.E.** to request additional information regarding her practicum supervision. The motion carried.

Dr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to delay the application of **Catherine Dhanarajan, P. E.** to request additional information regarding her practicum experience. The motion carried.

Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen, to schedule **Collette Coutts, P. E.** for the written examination. The motion carried.

Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Davis, to schedule **Carrie Booher, Ph.D.** for the written examination and issue Dr. Booher a provisional license to obtain the postdoctoral supervised experience. The motion carried.

Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to delay the application of **Christopher Blazina, Ph.D.** for receipt of a letter of recommendation by a Psychologist/HSP and documentation regarding Dr. Blazina's postdoctoral supervised experience. The motion carried.

Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Davis, to schedule **Lloyd Elliott Clark, Ph.D.** for the written examination and issue Dr. Clark a provisional license. The motion carried.

Dr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to accept the internship program of **Adam McClain, Ph.D.** as programmatically meeting the APA requirements and schedule Dr. McClain for the written examination and issue him a temporary license. The motion carried.

Dr. Gilleylen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to schedule **Cara L. Smith, Psy.D./HSP** for the written examination and issue Dr. Smith a provisional license to obtain the postdoctoral supervised experience. The motion carried.

Dr. Gilleylen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to schedule **Glenda Stockwell, Ph.D.**, reciprocity applicant, for the oral examination. The motion carried.

Dr. Gilleylen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to schedule **Corinne Tureau, Ph.D.** for the oral examination, as Dr. Tureau passed the written examination in another state, and issue him a provisional license to complete the postdoctoral supervised experience. The motion carried.

Dr. Gilleylen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to schedule **Nicole Alexander, Ph.D.**, reciprocity applicant, for the oral examination and issue Dr. Alexander a temporary license. The motion carried.

Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to schedule **Michelle Santiago, Psy.D.** for the written examination and issue Dr. Santiago a provisional license to obtain the postdoctoral supervised experience. The motion carried.

Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen, to schedule **Melissa Riggs, Ph.D.**, reciprocity applicant, for the oral examination and issue Dr. Riggs a temporary license. The motion carried.

Dr. Brookshire made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen, to schedule **Aaron M. Shupp, Psy.D.** and **Nilufer Barbour, Ph.D.** for the written examination and issue Dr. Shupp and Dr. Barbour provisional licenses to obtain the postdoctoral supervised experience. The motion carried.

Dr. Brookshire made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to delay the application of **Noah Roost, P.E.** until receipt of an updated transcript. The motion carried.

Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to schedule **Katherine Dittman, Ph.D.** and **Owen Thomas Nichols, Psy.D.** for the oral examination and issue Dr. Dittman and Dr. Nichols a temporary license with HSP designation. The motion carried.

Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vaughan, to schedule **Amanda Monville, Ph.D.**, **Matthew Fearington, Ph.D.**, **Truett McAnear, Ph.D.**, **Sadonya Meadows-Allen, Ph.D.**, and **Madeline Grantham, Ph.D.** for the written examination and issue them provisional licenses to obtain the postdoctoral supervised experience. The motion carried.

Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vaughan, to delay the application of **Brynda Quinn, Ph.D.**, upon receipt of Dr. Quinn's transcript showing completion of her internship and proof that her internship is APA accredited. The motion carried.

Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to deny the application of **Steven Gray, Psy.D.**, as his education and internship do not meet or exceed the APA or APPIC accreditation requirements. The motion carried.

Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to delay the application of **Wendy McDowell**, in order to contact her to determine if she is seeking licensure as a Certified Psychological Assistant or Licensed Psychological Examiner. The motion carried.

Dr. Vaughan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to schedule **Brandi Hamilton, P.E.** for the written examination and issue her a temporary license. The motion carried.

Dr. Vaughan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to delay the application of **Stephanie E. Kibler, P.E.** until receipt of additional information to clarify the number of hours Ms. Kibler obtained under direct supervision. The motion carried.

Dr. Vaughan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to schedule **Katherine Haynes, P.E., Elisa H. Shinabarger, P.E., and Healthier Hatcher Demitt, P.E.** for the written examination and issue them temporary licenses. The motion carried.

Dr. Vaughan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen, to schedule **Kimberly Hennessee, P.E.** and **Sarah Scott, P.E.** for the written examination and issue them temporary licenses. The motion carried.

Dr. Vaughan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen, to approve the Senior Psychological Examiner applications for **Sandra J. Zimmerlee, Sr. P.E.** and **Cynthia R. Long, Sr. P.E.** The motion carried.

Dr. Vaughan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to schedule **Myra J. Bennett, P.E.** for the written examination and issue her a temporary license. The motion carried.

Dr. Vaughan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen, to delay the application of **Lora Lynn Burkett, P.E.** until receipt of her transcript confirming her master's degree. The motion carried.

Dr. Vaughan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to delay the application of **Mariana Lorenz, P.E.** until receipt of proof of twelve (12) additional semester hours to complete her transcript or deny her application if hours not completed. The motion carried.

Dr. Vaughan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to deny the application of **Roman McPherson, P.E.** as his practicum supervisor was not a licensed psychologist with HSP designation. The motion carried.



Dr. Vaughan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to delay the application of **Laura Berrier, P.E.** to request Ms. Berrier to appear before the board at the next meeting to discuss a previous felony. The motion carried.

Dr. Vaughan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen, to delay the application of **Debra Martin, P.E.** to request Ms. Martin to appear before the board at the next meeting to discuss a letter of recommendation and licensure endorsement signed with reservations and to present a practicum form signed by Dr. Wilson. The motion carried.

Dr. Vaughan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen, to deny the application of **Lisa Dorn, P.E.** as her letter of recommendation do not meet the requirements for licensure as a psychological examiner in Tennessee. The motion carried.

### **Ratify oral examination results**

Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vaughan, to ratify the following oral examination “passing scores” and issue licenses to the following Psychologists who have completed their postdoctoral supervised experience:

**Laura Porter, Ph.D./HSP**  
**Heidi M. Levitt, Ph.D./HSP**  
**David J. McDowell, Ph.D./HSP**  
**Janis G. Neese, Ph.D./HSP**  
**Zach Tureau, Ph.D./HSP**  
**S. Karla Bray, Ph.D./HSP**  
**Kimberlee Berry-Sawyer, Ph.D./HSP**  
**Kelly Bishop-Diaz, Ph.D./HSP**  
**Debra Fish, Psy.D./HSP**  
**Robert Paul, Ph.D./HSP**  
**Brenda Karns, Ph.D./HSP**  
**Douglas E. Emerson, Psy. D.**

The motion carried.

Dr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to ratify the following postdoctoral supervised experience for licensure as a Psychologist/HSP:

**Lisa Pellegrin, Ph.D./HSP**

The motion carried.

Dr. Vaughan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen, to ratify the following oral examination “passing scores” for licensure as Psychological Examiners:

**Sharlet Anderson, P.E.**  
**Martina O’Brien, P.E.**  
**Lisa Oglesby, P.E.**  
**Diana Baumgardner, P.E.**

**Christine Browning, P.E.**  
**Brian Wind, P.E.**

The motion carried.

Upon review of the oral examination of **Deborah Colton, P.E.**, Dr. Gilleylen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to uphold the recommendation of a “failing score” by the oral examination committee. The motion carried.

Dr. Vaughan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to reinstate the license of **Wayne Faust, P.E.** and stated that Mr. Faust may apply for licensure as a Senior Psychological Examiner upon completion of six months of supervision. The motion carried.

### **Review correspondence**

Upon review of the letter from **Karen McDougal Rutledge, Ph.D.** regarding her failed to renew licensure status, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vaughan, to delay the reinstatement of Dr. Rutledge’s license until receipt of documentation of forty (40) hours of continuing education as required for licensure reinstatement. The motion carried. Dr. Martin opposed.

Upon review of the letter from **Houston T. Kinnard, Ph.D.** requesting a waiver of continuing education for 2004 due to illness, Dr. Vaughan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brookshire, to allow Dr. Kinnard to make up his continuing education requirements in 2005. The motion carried.

The board reviewed a letter from Ms. Spitznas to **Richard James, Ph.D.** who submitted a Health Service Provider designation application. Ms. Armstrong said the board reviewed Dr. James application at the November meeting and the letter of denial was sent as a result of the review.

Upon review of the letter from **Krista Shafer-Merchant, Ph.D.** requesting a suspension of her temporary license due to maternity leave, Dr. Vaughan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen, to suspend her temporary license for 120 days. The motion carried.

The board reviewed a letter from Kim Jonason, Ph.D., President of ASPPB, regarding elimination of the oral examination. Dr. Jonason encouraged the board to submit their comments and concerns to ASPPB.

With no other board business to conduct, Dr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to adjourn at 3:10 p.m.

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